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SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN THEATER PRODUCTION OF "SONG OF HIAWATHA"

1. HIAWATHA WAS A MAJOR SUMMER THEATER EVENT IN BUDAPEST. MORE THAN 9,600 PERSONS ATTENDED THE FIFTEEN PERFORMANCES OF LONGFELLOW'S POEM ADAPTED FOR THE STAGE. THE PLAY WAS IN BUDAPEST'S KORSZINHAZ (ROUND THEATER), LOCATED IN THE CITY PARK AND WAS SUPERBLY STAGED, COSTUMED, DIRECTED AND ACTED.

2. THE POST ASSISTED BY PROVIDING RECORDINGS OF AUTHENTIC INDIAN MUSIC AND LENDING AN AGENCY FURNISHED FILM ON INDIANS TO THE DIRECTOR, SO THAT HIS ACTORS WOULD GET A BETTER FEEL FOR THEIR ROLES. MOST IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, WAS AN EXHIBIT OF ORIGINAL INDIAN PHOTOGRAPHS (EDWARD S. CURTIS COLLECTION) WHICH RPO PROVIDED AND WHICH WAS DISPLAYED IN THE THEATHER LOBBY. AT LEAST AS MANY PERSONS WHO ATTENDED THE PERFORMANCES (9600) SAW AND APPRECIATED THE EXHIBIT.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS KIND OF COOPERATION WITH HUNGARIAN SPONSORS IS AMONG THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND MOST DURABLE
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ACTIVITY WE CAN ENGAGE IN. OUR THANKS TO ALL IN THE AGENCY AND RPO WHO HELPED IN THIS SUCCESS.
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